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**Subject:** Re: MN follow-up

Thanks Tim & Joan - I'll send an invite out for 11/23 tomorrow morning. We may have an update by this date for the South Andover / Red Oaks drinking water site. If so, we'll incorporate to the discussion.

Thanks-

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**Subject:** RE: MN follow-up

Hi Tom,

I am on travel the week of Nov 15. I am available on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. That looks like the only common time between Joan and me before Thanksgiving.

Thanks!  
Tim

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**Subject:** RE: MN follow-up

Good morning Joan and Tim –

I wanted to check-in with you both to see if we could identify potential dates & times for the follow-up conversations to our meeting with you last week? Of the three items noted below the Waite Park discussion is the most pressing and time sensitive due to the potential drinking water advisory we anticipate will be coming in the December / January timeframe. If time is short, perhaps we could setup a conversation for this item in the short-term and cover the remaining two items at a later date?

I listed some potential dates/times below that look good from the PCA's side, let me know if any of these would work for you or if we need to push out until after Thanksgiving.

Nov 15 | 10:00am-11:00am, 3:30pm-4:30pm  
Nov 17 | 9:00am – 10:00am, 10:00am-11:00am, 1:00-3:00pm  
Nov 18 | 9:00am-10:00am, 10:00am-11:00am  
Nov 22 | 11:00am-12:00pm  
Nov 23 | 9:00am-10:00am, could make this work

I don't think we will need a full hour for Waite Park so we could cover some of the other NPL updates from last week as well.

Thanks –  
Tom

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**Subject:** Re: FY23 SEMD Staffing Chart, Who's Who and Org Chart 10/01/22

Thank you Joan & Tim for sharing and for a great discussion today. There were a couple of follow-up conversations we agreed to schedule as an outcome of today, these items were:

- Waite Park NPL site | Site status & MPCA's proposal to remove from 1995 pilot deferral
- Discuss remaining MN NPL updates from 10/25/22 meeting.
- Discuss systematic approach for remaining sites in 1995 pilot deferral

Given the evolving situation at Waite Park, I think it would be beneficial to schedule this discussion over the next 2-4 weeks if schedules permit. This meeting will be structured in a similar manner to our first discussion with you both about GM from this summer. I think an hour will be plenty of time however if 90 mins were available we could cover the other two items as well. The pilot deferral and remaining sites could be pushed to a later date as well if needed.

Finally, we will keep you posted on the South Andover/Red Oaks/WDE site. As was noted, we are expecting some follow-up data soon that will hopefully fill in the data gaps for the 1,4 dioxane & PFAS.

Minnesota certainly appreciates your partnership and I'm looking forward to our next conversation.

Thanks  
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Thanks for great meeting today. Attached, as requested. Feel free to share. Apologies if I missed any MN folks.

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